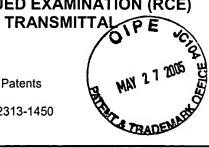
## REQUEST FOR **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**



Application Number: 10/040,369 Confirmation Number: 2856 Filing Date: January 9, 2002 First Named Inventor: Tadashi NOGUCHI Group Art Unit: 2164

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.										
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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, further responds to the Final Office Action mailed December 30, 2004, and accompanies a Petition for Extension of Time of two months, extending the period for reply through May 31, 2005 (May 30<sup>th</sup> being a holiday). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.